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REMARKS

1. At a meeting of the central executive board of the Gesellschaft fuer Sport und Technik (Athletic and Technical Association) (GST), departmental chief Kuehne (fnu) complained that the Bezirk and Kreis headquarters of the organization very often delegated candidates to the GST schools who were unqualified for the type of training intended. This applied particularly to the central glider school at Laucha-Jorndorff.

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the following functionaries of the central executive board of the GST had been trained in the USSR:

Berthold (fnu)	1st secretary
Creutzburg (fnu)	2d secretary
Grauk (fnu)	3d secretary
Schreiber (fnu)	in charge of marine training
Jutzi (fnu)	in charge of field training and training in marksmanship

Of the functionaries mentioned, Berthold, allegedly, has Soviet citizenship. The GST sent a liaison officer to the branch of DOSAAF in Karlshorst.

3. In mid-September, a conference was held at the central headquarters of the GST in Halle. At this conference, Creutzburg, the 2d secretary of the organization stated that the East German Council of Ministers had assigned the GST new missions. In the future, the organization was not only to conduct pre-military training but also political indoctrination in co-operation with the GSD, the FDGB and the FDJ. Creutzburg stated that it had become necessary to carry out these missions because the National Front had failed in this field. An appeal was to be made in particular to younger classes. Creutzburg also mentioned that a new cadre department was to be established with the central headquarters of the GST.

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new secretaries attached to the central headquarters of the GST included Fliegau (fnu), who was to be in charge of gliding activities and Eichler (fnu), who was to take care of field training, training in marksmanship, training of dogs, and riding. The two secretaries have undergone training with DOSAAF. Herbert Pramor, a former master sergeant of the German Air Force, was

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- 16 IFA Fichtel & Sachs Reichenbach/Vogtland
- 17 IFA "Hermann Matern" Rosswein
- 18 IFA Simson Suhl/Thuringen
- 19 IFA Motorenwerk Karl-Marx-Stadt
- 20 VEB Warnowwerft Warnemuende
- 21 VEB Matthias-Thesen-Werft Wismar
- 22 VEB Neptunwerft Rostock
- 23 VEB Volkswerft Stralsund
- 24 VEB Peenewerft Wolgast
- 25 VEB Rosslauer Schiffswerft
- 26 VEB Elbwerft Boizenburg
- 27 VEB Schiffbau und Reparaturwerft Stralsund
- 28 VEB Jachtwerft Koepenick
- 29 VEB Staatswerft Rothensee
- 30 VEB Schiffs- und Bootswerft Gehlsdorf
- 31 VEB Schiffswerft Uebigau
- 32 VEB Isolier- und Kaeltechnik Rostock
- 33 VEB LOWA Karl-Marx-Werk Babelsberg
- 34 VEB LOWA Waggonbau Bautzen
- 35 VEB LOWA Waggonbau Goerlitz
- 36 VEB LOWA Waggonbau Niesky
- 37 VEB LOWA Waggonbau Ammendorf
- 38 VEB LOWA Waggonbau Gotha
- 39 VEB LOWA Waggonbau Dessau
- 40 VEB "Fortschritt" Werk II Stolpen-Altstadt Kreis Sebnitz
- 41 VEB "Fortschritt" Werk IV Bischofswerda
- 42 VEB Bodenbearbeitungsgeraetewerk Leipzig
- 43 VEB Maschinenfabrik Nema Netzsckau
- 44 VEB Kyffhaeuserhuette Artern.

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uniforms, similar in cut and color to those worn by the KVP were being issued to members of the GST. These uniforms will only be worn during training activities and must be paid by GST members.

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chairman of the GST organization at the Electro Combine in Bitterfeld. Pramor also served as an instructor at the gliding school in Laucha.

5. GST school available during the reported period included installations in Laucha, Ballenstedt and Schoenhagen for gliding; a school in Chemnitz for parachuting; schools in Wustrow and Rechlin for marine sports; a school in Bad Dueben for motor sports; one at Halle (Kreuz stud farm) for riding; and another one in Halle (Waldkater) for the training of dogs. Minor gliding school were in existence in Leipzig-Mockau, Grossrueckerswalde and Mchenwarthe near Magdeburg.

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6. [redacted] the issuance of uniforms was being planned by the GST. The uniform was to consist of a pair of trousers tucked in boots and a jacket fitted with a zipper, both to be held in the color of KVP uniforms.<sup>2</sup>

7. Prior to June 1953, the GST was supported by the state. Since 1 July, each member must pay monthly dues ranging from 1 to 5 eastmarks depending on his income besides 2 eastmarks per year for insurance.

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8. [redacted] the training in marksmanship and radio transmission was resumed at the Zossen school of the GST in early August.<sup>2</sup>

9. [redacted] the GST to the Ministry of Transport and Agricultural machinery [redacted] intended to establish branches of the GST in various nationalized enterprises and to enlarge such branches as are already in existence at various East German industrial enterprises. Full-time functionaries and technical instructors can be employed for these GST branches. They are to be paid from the budget of the industrial plant involved. Full-time GST functionaries will be paid a monthly salary of 420 to 450 eastmarks. Their employment must be approved by the Kreis headquarters of the GST. [redacted]  
[redacted] industrial enterprises at which field posts of the GST were to be established

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- 1 IFA Motorradwerk Zschopau
- 2 IFA EMW Eisenach
- 3 IFA Kraftfahrzeugwerk Horch Zwickau
- 4 IFA Kraftfahrzeugwerk Audi Zwickau
- 5 IFA Kraftfahrzeugwerk Ernst Grube Werdau
- 6 IFA Karosseriewerk Meerane
- 7 IFA Kraftfahrzeugwerk Phaenomen Zittau
- 8 IFA Kraftfahrzeugwerk Werk IV Kamenz, Auenstrasse.
- 9 IFA Kraftfahrzeugwerk Framo Heinichen
- 10 IFA Schlepperwerk Nordhausen
- 11 IFA Schlepperwerk Brandenburg
- 12 IFA Getriebewerk Liebertwolkwitz
- 13 IFA Karosseriewerk Halle
- 14 IFA Moevewerk Muehlhausen
- 15 IFA Mifawerk Sangerhausen

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Recruiting activities for the GST which had been suspended after 17 June, have been resumed. Great stress is being laid on the training in marksmanship. However, field training and motor sport were also promoted. After acquiring the driver's permit for motorcycles, GST members were trained on trucks.<sup>2</sup>

11. On 5 September, there was a conference of GST functionaries at the Kreis secretariat in Doebein. The functionaries were directed to exclude all GST members who did not turn up regularly for training or failed to pay their dues. The functionaries were furthermore ordered to appeal to all GST members to volunteer as VP auxiliaries after becoming 18 years old. VP auxiliaries are trained by police officers twice a month.
12. In early September, the GST organization in Rosswein had 520 and that in Leisnig 120 members. On 1 October, there was a GST conference in Doebein at which the chiefs of GST training units were ordered to increase their recruiting efforts for the organization. All juveniles upward of 14 years of age were to become members of the organization.
- 25X1 13. [redacted] in Leisnig [redacted] a marksmanship badge has been issued to GST members since September. Marksmanship competitions are to be held with the aim of determining the best marksmen who were to be given additional training with precision rifles and small-bore pistols. Marksmanship competitions were scheduled to be held in Doebein on 17 October.
- 25X1 14. On 5 October, a meeting of the members of the GST organization at the IFA Tractor Plant in Brandenburg was held. At this meeting it was stated that the marksmanship club of the organization would resume its activity after 20 October.
- 25X1 15. On 7 October, it was stated at a conference held by the SED cell of Prime Minister Grotewohl's secretariat that the GST would have to intensify its activities.
- 25X1 16. [redacted] in Frankfurt/Oder [redacted] the GST was buying replacement parts for motorcycles.
- 25X1 17. On 16 and 17 October, there was an exhibition at the Siemens-Plania Works on Herzberg Strasse in Lichtenberg. Wiring diagrams besides radio transmitters and receivers as used for amateur radio operations of the GST were on display. The functioning of radio transmitters and receivers, most of which were former German Army equipment, was shown. Various types of antennas were also explained. The chief designer of the high-frequency engineering works on Ostend Strasse appealed to the visitors of the exhibition to join the organization of radio amateurs.<sup>2</sup>
- 25X1 1. [redacted] Comment. Very probably all directives for the organization and training of the GST are issued by DOSAAF which is believed to exercise central control over the GST.
- 25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. The report indicates that the GST resumed its pre-military training, which had been temporarily suspended in June and July 1953. The issuance of uniforms to members of the GST underlines the military character of this organization.

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